

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claims 12-14 and 18 are allowed.

Claims 1-11, 15-17, 19, and 20 are rejected.

Claims 1-11, 15-17, 19, and 20 have been cancelled without prejudice or estoppel.

While the Applicants believe that the rejected claims are patentable over the cited art, all the rejected claims have been withdrawn from the present case without prejudice to allow the allowed claims to move forward to issuance without further delay. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a continuation application to further pursue the rejected claims. As all remaining claims in the present application have been allowed and are therefore in a condition for issuance, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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